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**AROUND BENTON.**  
J. A. Thompson, of Morley town, Mo., was here Tuesday and reported that the school in his district would begin the first Monday in August, when asked if that was not rather early, he replied that their roads were very bad in winter and that the patrons of the school concluded that the children could better stand the heat than the mud. All of which proves that money spent on building good roads is better than if spent on a useless army and navy and battle ships.

D. H. Harper, the local real estate man, sold the farm known as the Theo. Ressel place in Sandvick, Mo., to Frank Lawdell, of Birk Point, Mo. The farm was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ressel, who were here Monday and will move to their new purchase about the first of the year.

Miss Ethel Jones, of Hollywood, Mo., was here visiting the family of R. M. Finley and his family. A reception was given her at the latter place Friday evening.

Now that the farmer has a good crop the price is going down. He has nothing to say about what is to be sold and what is to be bought. For what he buys he must pay what is asked.

Benton has a promising lot of youngsters coming on whose specialty is cigarettes. They range in age from eight to sixteen. Progress, I believe the defenders of the system will find.

County School Supervisor Hugh Smith and Miss Bessie Burris of Lexington, were married with an extensive party from Lexington. They will make Benton their home.

J. H. Kessler, of Perryville, representing the American Central Insurance Co. of St. Louis, visited several of the agencies in the county during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Walker have moved from their "Texas" home and are again residents of Benton. There is no place like home after all.

The work of remodeling and putting cells in the lower story of the jail has begun. This will double the capacity of the jail.

The Catholic congregation at Oran will give their annual picnic Wednesday, August 6.

James Stone, of Columbus, Ky., was here visiting his brother, Thomas, this week.

W. C. Lambert is erecting a store building on his new town site at the depot.

C. C. Goetting returned to his home at Grandin after a week's stay here.

**BUSINESS LOCALS.**  
I have farms for sale of various sizes in Scott county, near Crowder, Kelso, New Hamburg, Oran, Morley, Benton, Cary, Blodgett, Diehlstadt and Commerce. Also improved and unimproved lands in the state of Arkansas. If you want to sell, list your farm or property with me. I stand a hundred chances to sell to you one. If you want to buy, see me. D. H. HARRIS, Benton, Mo.

**DENTAL NOTICE.**—I will be at Blodgett July 19th and 20th and will practice dentistry in all its branches. All work guaranteed. Consultation free. Marshall Hotel.

Dr. A. L. BRYCE.

FOR SALE.—80 acre farm, north of Benton, 3000 ft. high, two barns 30x36 ft. All under good fence. 74 acres in cultivation, 6 acres in timber and 10 acres in meadow.

Charles Ressel, Benton, Mo.

**\$50 Reward.**—We will pay a \$50 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone guilty of stealing stock belonging to any of our members.

**Stockmen's Union, Vanduser, Mo.**  
FOR SALE.—A second hand windmill—10 foot wheel and 30 foot tower. Apply to R. W. Finley, Commerce, or to M. Finley, Benton.

**FOR SALE.**—About 40 acres of No. 1 pea hay (unthreshed). J. S. Freeling, Benton, Mo.

On Saturday night, July 7, 1900, at Chaffee, little Hazel, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chaffee, aged eight months and twenty-three days died after a short illness, and was buried near Gary in the Polard grave yard, where, scarcely one year ago little Bessie, who was near the age of little Hazel was buried. Services were conducted by Rev. J. T. Fowlkes, of Poplar Bluff.

How like the annual decay  
Of nature's bud and bloom,  
Is man's short transitory stay,  
And exit to the tomb.

MABEL WORNALL,  
NAOMI HARRIS.

**FROM ORAN.**  
Some of the school marms who attended the teachers' institute at Benton are on the anxious seat waiting to know what grades they made—will their work pass examination. While I have not the remotest idea of the grade of the work done, the teachers can feel confident that Sup't. Smith will do his duty in the premises. Without any reference to any teacher now in the work, or applicant for a teacher's certificate, ought not these examinations be a timely warning to the school children of the county, that may, later on, have to pass through the same ordeal—ought it not to act as an incentive to spur them on—to stimulate them to make greater efforts to qualify themselves—to be more scrupulous now while in the school room that they may be the better prepared to meet the emergency when the time does come. Methinks I hear someone say I do not expect to teach. These examinations are not confined strictly to teachers alone—in almost all business houses the applicant must pass an examination. One business house advertised for twenty clerks. But few of the applicants could read intelligently, knew but little about arithmetic and nothing about grammar. The pupils may spend their time idly and frivolously in the school room now but they will regret it in the end.

Now that the wheat and hay crops have been harvested and the corn crop in a manner made, we may venture to make a summary report of the crops in this section for this season. The wheat crop is above the average and was saved in the best possible condition. Owing to the drought in the early part of the season was cut short but the farmers report better grades and the crop free from weeds. The corn crop is showing up well—stands well on the ground—has been worked well and with the usual rains we may expect a good yield.

Died July 8, Celestine Gropan, in his 77th year. Deceased was born near the city of Paris, France, came with his parents to the state of Ohio when a boy and to Scott county in 1870 and settled on a farm north-west of New Hamburg and has been a resident of the county ever since. He was married every wife of the world, upright and honest in all his dealings. In his death his wife has lost a devoted husband and his children an honored father. His remains were interred in the Carpenter cemetery in Sand Prairie.

Our wheat growers are like to tell of their good crops. Frank Hessemer says he sowed 55 bushels in 50 acres of his bottom land and threshed out 2500 bushels by weight—although five acres of the crop was drowned. In the hills he had 15 acres—making a total of 100 acres in wheat. Of this new crop were drowned, leaving 100 acres. From this he threshed 3400 bushels at 24 cts per bushel.

On Wednesday, Lee Pope, aged about 40 years, was married to Bessie Welch, a diminutive girl in smart dresses aged 14 years. The report was that the mother of the girl had coerced her into marrying the man and steps were taken to prevent the marriage but the license was issued before the telephone message was received.

Betty Finley, the Populist leader here, says that the party will make inroads on the other political parties during the canvass—that Uncle John Friend may return to his first love—but Betty says he has been laid on shore long enough, he wants some of the wheat.

Alex. Armstrong, of Vanduser, who has the contract of building the new school house at that place, was here on business Saturday. The building there is to be modeled after the one here and Alex. came up to get its bearings.

P. K. Genoway, of Fredericktown, whose wife is in poor health, brought her down to her father's, R. H. McLean, that she might breathe the fresh air on McLean hill and recuperate.

The Fourth—the gallant Fourth was observed here in about the usual way. Horse-racing, base ball, dancing and the usual noise constituted the celebration of the day.

J. B. Finley says that only of an acre of ground put in tame blackberries he will gather 200 gallons of marketable berries which he is selling at 25 cents per gallon.

Leo Diebold, of Kelso, and Solomon Diebold, of New Hamburg, were here this week to put up an enclosure around the residence of Caleb Matthews.

There is some indication that the Iron Mountain railroad will build a depot. The plat and stone for the foundation is being delivered.

Norval Anderson, of Commerce, was visiting J. B. Stubbins and family Friday and Judge B. F. Anderson and lady Saturday.

Roy Morgan fell from a box car on the Iron Mountain railroad and bruised himself up considerably and injured himself internally.

Rose Allen returned from Fredericktown Wednesday and left for Dixon Springs the next day.

T. S. Melton, of Louisville, Ky., is putting up a saw mill on the Cassie Hill farm above Bloda.

Dr. Ashley, pastor of the M. E. church at Morley, visited Judge Wright Tuesday.

J. L. Hale has begun work on his brick to be erected on his lot in the burnt district.

James O'Neal and lady, of Mobile, Ala., are visiting their brother-in-law, Bert King.

Meddames C. F. Bonnell and A. L. Daniel, of Benton, were in town Saturday.

Meddames J. W. Reeder and C. E. Moore will go to St. Paul by boat.

Marshall Arnold and R. B. Wade, of Benton, were in town Monday.

Rev. J. M. King and family visited relatives at Jackson last week.

Presley Friend, of Blodgett, visited home folks Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Flachsart departed for St. Louis Friday.

Jacob Goetz moved to the Cape Friday.

**FROM NEW HAMBURG.**  
Rudolph Schmitt has advertised his farm implements to sell on July 21 and will retire from active farm life. His sons, Ludon and Leonard, will take charge of the farm. The father has not yet decided where he will locate to take things easy, but believes he will remain in the country near his children.

Father Moenig, Andy Weidfield and Miss Theresa Loewe and Mrs. Aug. Seelke joined a party of Hubble Creek fishermen Monday. The "bites" were chiefly mosquitoes.

The teacher's residence, the interior of which has been remodeled, is ready for the painter. Lambert and Cooksey, of Oran, will sling the brushes. Louise, Ludon and Leonard Schmitt returned from Cape county with three mules Saturday for which they paid \$55.

The Misses Martha and Emma Essner, of Benton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schoen.

Mrs. Elizabeth Geber, of St. Louis, visited Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schoen Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Westrich went over to near Randles Sunday. Father Kuehner, of Perryville, visited Father Moenig this week.

Theon Schoen made a harvest hand Friday and Saturday.

Our annual picnic will be held Tuesday, August 21.

Peter Schoen is in poor health. Paul Schulte is in St. Louis.

**FROM KELSIO.**  
At the home of Alex. Burger last week a spark flew from Joe Scherer's engine, who was just finishing up three burgers' wheat crop, and set a load of wheat on fire. The blaze had gained considerable headway before any one noticed it, and when it was seen all efforts were made to protect the straw pile, separator and barn. The fire seemingly had charmed the mules and they could hardly be driven away. One man had his shirt burned from his back. The wheat on the wagon all burned.

Mrs. Helen Tucker, wife of William Tucker, died Saturday evening and was buried Sunday in the Catholic cemetery. Mrs. Tucker was the third daughter of ex-Squire Louis Hoefler. It is said quick consumption was her ailment. She leaves one child, a husband and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

C. Dohogne and Alois Elster pulled their machine in the dry Monday night. They recently purchased a 30 inch Peerless separator with self feed and wind stoker. Both parties are well pleased with the work of the machine. They threshed over 1000 bushels per day while running.

J. E. Warner, our surveyor, was here surveying a lot on Peter Rober's farm, which the latter intends to sell to Dr. Hy Rosenmayor.

The Kid teams of Kelsio and Pleasant Hill played ball Sunday at the Augustus Lutz farm with the result that Kelsio got holes—18 to 22.

Miss Mary Henderson, of Salem, Mo., spent Sunday with Miss Bertha Drury.

Leo Dohogne and his brother, Frank, were at the Cape Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Compas and family are visiting her mother at Dexter.

**FROM ROCK CHURCH.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pott and daughter, Mrs. Otto Zesch and children, are visiting relatives here this week. Mr. Pott moved from Valhalla, Ind., to the Cape Sunday.

Miss Elsie Boltman, of Perry county, is spending a few weeks with her uncle and aunt, Rev. and Mrs. A. Fushler.

Henry Springer, a student at the Theological Seminary at Concordia, Mo., is at home for the summer vacation.

Miss Lizzie Albrecht is spending the summer at Lake Kogewick, a small summer resort in Wisconsin.

Prof. C. O. Nagel is attending teachers' conference at Staunton, Ill., this week.

Judge Albrecht and Wm. Roth had business at the Cape Monday.

Rev. A. Fushler, preached at Poplar Bluff last Sunday.

Wheat is all threshed in this neighborhood.

Miss Emma Roth was at home last week.

**FROM DIEHLSTADT.**  
Meddames Mollie Akers, Emma Ware and Ella Cooper and Miss Adeline Absher visited near Blodgett Monday.

Howard Hagley is building a new house and will give the young folks a party when completed.

J. A. Coon and family, of Charleston, spent Sunday with the family of N. B. Cavanah.

Mrs. Mordell and daughter, Ruby, spent Monday with Mrs. J. Fud.

Miss Emma Harper, of Bertrand, spent Monday with Miss Mabel Oster.

N. B. Cavanah and daughter, Miss Nora, were at Charleston Saturday.

Miss Lizzie Goffigly and Ed. Jones, of Bertrand, were here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Suter spent Sunday with Mrs. A. J. Absher.

Mrs. Della Bonzer, of Fredericktown, visited here last week.

Miss Minnie Cooper was at Charleston a few days last week.

Nathan Johnson is improving after a serious illness.

Mrs. A. E. Welch visited in the country Sunday.

Mrs. Surtan and Miss Zora were in our city Sunday.

Hardy Stone visited home folks here last week.

Odie Rodgers, of Charleston, was here Sunday.

Miss Julia Holmes visited here Sunday.

**FROM SAVANNAH.**  
G. L. Jones and wife came down from the Cape Wednesday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gage.

Miss Myrtle Arnold and brother, Fred, of Indiana, are visiting the family of W. P. Arnold.

Spencer Abbott went to Illinois to look after his interest in a wheat crop there.

Rev. Chapman, of Sikeston, preached for us Saturday and Sunday.

Mary Spencer, of Paducah, Ky., is visiting her mother, Mr. E. Spencer.

Miss Grace Hampton spent Sunday with Miss Earl Puckett.

State Senator Lyons, of Kansas City, a member of the ice trust, has accumulated \$400,000 in six years. Of course he is the most-busted we elect to make our laws.

**FROM COMMERCE.**  
Misses Clara McKnight and Netta Shanks visited the Misses Jessie and Virginia Anderson the first of the week.

Misses Gladys Gray, of Farmington and Stella Marshall, of Sikeston, visited Mrs. Frazer last week.

Paul Bell, of St. Louis, who has been visiting Ralph Anderson, returned home last Friday.

Barrat Whitelaw and Billy Bryan, of the Cape, visited Tillman Anderson the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Matthews, who have been visiting his mother, returned home last week.

The K. K. G. Club gave a picnic at the old orchard last Friday in honor of visitors.

Misses Deloma Shobe and Maggie Conleton, of Morley, visited here last week.

Emmett Rudolph, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Worsley, died Monday.

Miss Laura Pearce, who has been visiting Mrs. Ballentine, has returned home.

Mrs. V. L. Harris, of Benton, spent several days with Mrs. Lynch last week.

Mrs. Riggs, of the Cape, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Childers.

Miss Amy Koch, of St. Louis, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Lynch.

Miss Octavia Baum, who has been very sick, is rapidly improving.

Mrs. H. G. Shero is visiting her mother, Mrs. C. F. DeWint.

Mrs. A. A. Lynch has returned from Memphis.

Miss Emma Matthews is visiting here.

**FROM MACEDONIA.**  
Mrs. Ramsey died at her home Saturday and was buried in the Macedonia cemetery Sunday. She leaves a husband, eight children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

John Sanders went to Vanduser Saturday to visit his daughter, whose lover is quite sick with whooping cough.

Miss Bertha Drury, of Kelsio, attended the ice cream supper here Saturday night.

Mrs. Bert Sharp, of Chaffee, spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

W. M. Sanders and wife spent Sunday at the home of F. M. Sanders.

Leather Hughes spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Leather Reynolds was at Macedonia Sunday.

**FROM ELLIS DISTRICT.**  
A number of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Weber Sunday where ice cream and cake were served in the evening.

Mrs. C. H. Rosberry and daughter, Kate, and Mary Korbly visited Emma Wilkinson Sunday.

Little Hawkins, Nora Schlicht and Nellie Arnold Sunday with Freda and Laura Koch.

Daisy, Cecil and Cleo Spradlin and Mary Sanders spent Sunday evening with Virgil Miller.

Several from here attended the ice cream supper at Macedonia Saturday night.

Carolina Schlicht spent Wednesday with Miss Virgie Hawkins.

George Miller and Eddie Spradlin were in this vicinity Sunday.

Mrs. Hy Schlicht and Mrs. J. Lott are among the sick.

Rich Sanders and wife spent Sunday with home folks.

**FROM CROOKED CREEK.**  
Mrs. Joe Phelps and Miss Bertie Dougherty, of Macedonia, spent Wednesday at the home of Mrs. M. J. Penn.

Misses Kaziah and Velda Kaffenburger, of St. Louis, are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. S. Totty.

Mrs. M. J. Penn spent Saturday night with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Malgren.

Louis Totty, of Rockvile, is here looking after his wheat threshing.

Miss Alma Clymer spent a few hours with her mother Saturday.

Miss Coza Penn, of Commerce, visited on Crooked Creek this week.

**FROM PORTER'S SWITCH.**  
Miss Dora Shelby and Myatt Murdock surprised their many friends by slipping off to Oran the Fourth and getting married. We extend our congratulations.

The Misses Mammie and Birdie Byrum, of Morley, visited Miss Ros Hubstruter last week.

Miss Susie Riggs, of near Blodgett, visited her sister at the Cape the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Way, of Sikeston, visited his sister, Mrs. J. Misfeldt, Sunday.

Proceeding at Savannah the second Sunday in August by Rev. Lee.

Miss Maud Shier and Sam Dozier spent Sunday in this vicinity.

Miss Maud Shier Sunday with Miss Margie Marchison.

The Fourth went off very quiet here.

**FROM LITTLE RIVER.**  
Mr. Tucker and family spent Saturday and Sunday with the family of Henry Hancy.

Wheat is nearly all threshed in this neighborhood and is of good grain and yield.

A. H. Phillips and family spent Sunday with the family of John Gibbs.

Unmet Smith and family spent Sunday at the home of W. B. Myers.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gibbs was buried here Saturday.

Mrs. Joe Etting and son, Ray, visited Unity friends Sunday.

George Green's children have the whooping cough.

John Jones and wife went to Oran Monday.

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**Card of Thanks.**  
We desire in this way to express our sincere thanks to our friends in Oran who were so faithful in their help during the last illness of our husband and father, Celestine Grogan. Mrs. C. GROGAN and CAROL DREX.

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